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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5340

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJ: AFGHAN-PAK RELATIONS

REF: A) KABUL 7022; B) KABUL 7079

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE SEPT 29, IRANIAN DCM ATABAKY SAID DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH HAD SEEN AMBASSADOR TAFAZOLI SEPT 28 WHO SAID INTER ALIA: A) ABDULLAH URGED IRANIANS TO COUNSEL PAKISTANIS NOT TO PROVOKE AFGHANISTAN SINCE "WE ARE NOT ALONE." (NOTE: THIS IS SAME WORDING ABDULLAH HAS USED WITH CHARGE ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS BUT ABDULLAH HAS ALWAYS STOPPED AT THIS POINT.) ABDULLAH THEN ADDED TO TAFAZOLI THAT "RUSSIANS ARE ONLY TWO HOURS AWAY FROM PESHAWAR AND AMERICANS ARE MUCH FARTHER AWAY." (B) TAFAZOLI WAS TOLD THAT MAIWANDWAL'S TRIAL HAD BEEN COMPLETED (NOTE: ABDULLAH REPORTEDLY DID NOT SAY WHAT SENTENCE HAD BEEN. THIS IS OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH MAIWANDWAL'S REPORTED SUICIDE OCTOBER 1 (REF B.) ONE
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STORY SIMULTANEOUSLY CIRCULATING HERE WAS (1) SENTENCING

DEFERRED FOR TEN YEARS DURING WHICH PLOTTERS WOULD REMAIN IN PRISON AND (2) LEADING PLOTTERS GIVEN WP-YEAR PRISON SENTENCES. NO CONFIRMATION ANY OF THESE UMORS AVAILABLE.)

2. ATABAKY THEN SAID THAT PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ISPAHANI HAD TOLD TAFAZOLI THAT ABDULLAH HAD RECENTLY TOLD HIM: "DON'T PROVOKE US, WE ARE NOT ALONE, INDIANS ARE PREPARED COME TO OUR SUPPORT IF NECESSARY."

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE AFGHANS HAVE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS OF UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FROM EITHER SOVIET OR INDIANS AS ABDULLAH HAS IMPLIED TO IRANIAN AND PAK AMBASSADORS. LOOKS TO US AS IF ABDULLAH IS RATHER ATTEMPTING TO BLUFF THE PAKISTANIS BY SUCH DIPLOMATIC FORAYS TO COVER LACK OF FIRM COMMITMENT FROM NAIM VISITS TO MOSCOW AND NEW DELHI.
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